



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

To: City of College Park Council Members

From: Scott Somers, City Manager

Date: December 8, 2015

Subject: **CITY OF COLLEGE PARK WEEKLY BULLETIN**

Attachments: College Park Press Release; College Park Aviation Museum Holiday Planes and Train Display; College Park Live Smart, Eat Local Tour; 3rd Thirsty Thursday; Holiday Safety Flyer; Carbon Monoxide Warning; the National Museum of Language Presentation; and Prince George's County Public Schools Proposed Boundary Changes.

Administration

- Scott Somers, City Manager, was invited by and met with Catherine Tuck Parrish of Novak Consulting Group to follow up on implementation of the City's recently adopted 2020 Strategic Plan. Novak Consulting was retained by the City to conduct the environmental scan and assist with development of the Strategic Plan in the Spring of 2015. In addition to discussing progress made on the Strategic Plan, Ms. Tuck Parrish inquired as to whether the City may need consultation or facilitation service assistance in the future. Since the City Council generally participates in an annual Council Retreat, Ms. Tuck Parrish's services might be an option for an upcoming retreat tentatively scheduled for February of 2016.
- City and University staff met to discuss a potential partnership to co-locate a new City Hall with University administrative offices on the current City Hall block. Items discussed included acquisition of needed property, potential lot split requirements, maintenance of common space, etc. Discussions are preliminary. No timelines have been developed. Any action or direction will need to come from the Council in the future.
- Council, newly elected officials, and several staff members attended the City of College Park's Annual Legislative Dinner. Guests included delegates from the 21st District, County, State and University representatives, and the Maryland Municipal League. The City Council presented their top legislative priorities for 2016. They are as follows:
 1. Design and Funding for the Re-construction of Baltimore Avenue

2. Support for Federal Agencies and University Research in the College Park Area – Councilmember Robert Day
 3. Infrastructure Funding for Redevelopment of Our Commercial Centers
 4. Increase the State FY17 budget for Youth Service Bureaus by \$1 million
- Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager, Randall Toussaint, Economic Development, and Scott Somers, City Manager attended the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) CAO + Economic Development Directors Retreat. Agenda items included an overview of the regional economic landscape, dialogue with private sector leaders concerning regional collaboration, and the Global Cities Initiative <http://www.brookings.edu/about/projects/global-cities>.
 - Mayor-elect Wojahn; Bob Ryan, Public Services Director; and Scott Somers, City Manager attended the Calvert Hills Civic Association meeting on Saturday, December 5, 2015.
 - Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager, and Scott Somers, City Manager attended the College Park Community Foundation Annual Charity Gala on Saturday, December 5, 2015.
 - Scott Somers, City Manager, and Bob Ryan, Public Services Director attended a Big 10 Police Chiefs event at University House hosted by President and Barbara Loh.
 - The City Clerk's Office has been preparing for the orientation and inauguration of the 2015-2017 Mayor and Council.
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Planning

- Work has begun on installing sharrows on selected city streets under a State of Maryland Bikeways grant. Sharrows are pavement markings with a bicycle symbol and chevron pointing in the direction of travel that alert vehicle operators that bicyclists are allowed to use the road. All work will occur within Council Districts 1, 2 & 3 in locations identified as east-west bike routes in the US1 Corridor Sector Plan. They include Edgewood Road, Hollywood Road, Fox Street, Berwyn Road, Berwyn House Road, Lakeland Road, Pierce Avenue (and a section of 54th Avenue between Lakeland & Pierce), Guilford Road, and Amherst Road. In a follow-on study, these streets will be incorporated as part of a citywide bicycle boulevard network.
- Economic Development staff met again last week with the DCPMA and representatives from UMD's residential life program to discuss issues associated with summer orientation. The two groups agreed to jointly host a street fair for incoming students in August 2016 in the hopes of attracting and introducing a larger number of students to the Downtown and all of its offerings.
- Planning staff attended a joint meeting with M-NCPPC and City of Greenbelt staff to discuss Detailed Site Plan 13045 (Greenbelt Station South Core). The applicant has agreed to submit a revised site plan which will delay the scheduled January 7, 2016 Planning Board hearing by a few weeks (date to be determined). The City of Greenbelt is not likely to discuss the revised plan until January 11, 2016.

Public Services

1. CODE ENFORCEMENT

- CEO staff opened 21 cases for various code violations.
- Clerical staff opened 8 cases relating to missing lead paint documentation, no show for inspection and possible rental notices.
- Code responded to 5 calls for noise complaints. No municipal infractions were issued.
- 30 single family inspections and 5 re-inspections were conducted.
- 1 condo was inspected.
- 3 apartment buildings were inspected with a total of 80 units.

2. ANIMAL CONTROL:

- removed a deer carcass from public property.
- removed 2 squirrel carcasses from public property.
- investigated 3 complaints of dogs running at large.
- impounded 1 cat from UMD Pest Management and transported to city facility for assessment.

3. POLICE – YTD TOTALS Comparison, College Park Contract Police Weekly Highlights Reports to 3 Dec. 2015

<u>1-Jul-15 to week of 27-Nov-15</u>	<u>FY16YTD Totals</u>	<u>FY15YTD Totals</u>
MD State Citations	962	918
Warnings	1013	928
ERO	218	289
Distracted Driving	57	0
Parking	15	30
Field Observation Report	89	70
Youth Field Report	0	0
Citations in Lieu of Arrest	35	35
Civil Citation	7	0
Criminal Arrests	18	6
DWS Arrest	0	0
DWI Arrest	1	2
Warrant Arrest	8	2
Premise Checks (Vacation Checks)	119	29
Referral-Student Code of Conduct	32	23
Full Time Contract Officers: (Portion of Above)		
MD State Citations	145	
Warnings	91	
ERO	29	
Parking	5	
Field Observation Report	3	
Youth Field Report	0	

Citations in Lieu of Arrest	5	
Criminal Arrests	0	
DWS Arrest	0	
DWI Arrest	0	
Warrant Arrest	0	
Premise Checks (Vacation Checks)	0	

Public Works

- The curbside leaf collection calendar was adjusted this week because of the rainy weather last week.

MEETINGS AT A GLANCE:

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM SHA Public Hearing regarding Greenbelt Metro Interchange at Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Thursday, December 10, 2015

7:00 PM Lakeland Civic Association Meeting at College Park Community Center
7:00 PM Animal Welfare Committee Meeting at City Hall
7:30 PM North College Park Civic Association Meeting at Davis Hall

Saturday, December 12, 2015

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM National Museum of Language Presentation at City Hall

Monday, December 14, 2015

6:45 PM Aging In Place Task Force at City Hall

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

7:00 PM Live Smart, Eat Local Tour at Mamma Lucia Restaurant

Thursday, December 17, 2015

2:00 PM Housing Authority Meeting at Attick Towers
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM 3rd Thirsty Thursday at The Original Ledo Pizza

PRESS RELEASE

City of College Park, MD

For Immediate Release

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Contact: Jill R. Clements, Director of Human Resources
jclements@collegetparkmd.gov



College Park (MD) Announces New Director of Finance

December 8, 2015 – College Park City Manager, Scott Somers, announced today that the City has selected Steven Chapman, II, CPFO as the next Director of Finance for the City of College Park. Chapman will replace Stephen Groh who is retiring in February, 2016 after 17 years with the City. City Manager Somers said a search committee comprised of internal and external representatives selected Chapman from a very competitive pool of candidates.

Chapman has over twenty years of experience in county and municipal finance. Most recently he worked for the City of North Lauderdale, FL. Previously, he held the positions of Director of Financial Services at the City of Tamarac, FL; Deputy Director of Office of Management and Budget for the City of Fort Lauderdale, FL; and Financial Budget and Special Projects Manager for the Clayton County, GA Board of Commissioners. Chapman has also owned a private consulting business for several years.

In addition to his experience, Chapman has extensive formal education in his chosen field. He has earned a Bachelor of Management from Georgia Institute of Technology, a Master of Science in Finance from Georgia State University, and is working on his PhD at Florida Atlantic University. He also holds a number of continuing education certifications, including recognition as a Certified Public Finance Officer.

Mr. Chapman is eager to relocate to Maryland, where he has close family ties. He will begin his work for the City near the end of January, 2016.

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The City of College Park
4500 Knox Road
College Park, MD 20740
240-487-3533
www.collegetparkmd.gov

*You're invited to enjoy the Holiday's
at the College Park Aviation Museum!*



**Holiday Planes & Trains
December 12 – 19***

10 am – 5 pm

FREE with museum admission

*Saturday, Dec. 19 – the trains stop at 3 pm

Calling all train buffs and children of ALL ages! You don't want to miss the impressive model railroad display assembled by the National Capital Trackers! Enjoy watching a wide variety of trains move through numerous villages, depots and tunnels and even try your hand at "driving" a train. Museum admission is \$4/adult; \$3/senior; \$2/children (ages 2 – 17)

Questions? Call the museum at 301-864-6029 or visit www.CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com



The College Park Aviation Museum

1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive | College Park, MD 20740

Holiday Hours

December 24 – Closing at 4 pm

December 25 – Closed

December 31 – Closing at 4 pm

January 1 - Closed



live more, play more

Department of Parks and Recreation

The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

www.CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com / history.pgparcs.com

Join us for our next
College Park Live Smart, Eat Local Tour

Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Mamma Lucia Restaurant

4734 Cherry Hill Road, College Park

**Meet the new City Manager
While Enjoying Southern Italian Cuisine**

Wednesday, December 16th at 7pm


**Live Smart,
Eat Local Tour**

Mamma Lucia Restaurant

LOCATION
Mamma Lucia
4734 Cherry Hill Road

FEATURED GUEST
Scott Somers
College Park City Manager

3rd Thirsty Thursdays returns on December 17th from 5PM - 7PM at the original Ledo restaurant. The City and University will be highlighting College Park and promoting businesses and homeownership.

In lieu of prizes, we will be accepting donations to support the College Park Animal Shelter in the form of old towels/blankets, kitty litter, and cat food. Dog items will also be accepted, but the need is stronger in the cat area.

The Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee
presents:

3rd Thirsty Thursdays

Bringing the City/University Community together

December 17th, 5PM-7PM

The Original Ledo Restaurant

4509 Knox Rd, College Park, MD 20740

**It's the season...bring donations:
old towels/blankets, cat litter, & cat food
to benefit the College Park Animal Shelter**



With support from: The College Park City-University Partnership



Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



HOLIDAY DECORATING

- » Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- » Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- » Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- » Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- » Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- » Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- » Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- » Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- » Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- » Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- » Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- » Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ! **Two of every five** home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! **Nearly half** of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

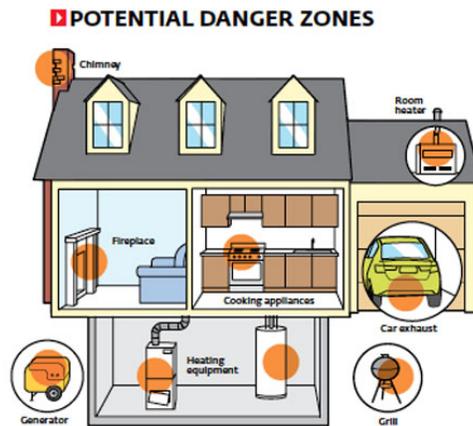
Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide or “CO”, is an odorless, colorless gas that can kill you.

Each year, more than 400 Americans die from unintentional CO poisoning not linked to fires; more than 20,000 visit the emergency room; and more than 4,000 are hospitalized.

CO is found in fumes produced anytime you burn fuel in cars or trucks, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, or furnaces. It can build up indoors and poison people and animals who breathe it.

The most common symptom of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain and confusion. Many describe symptoms as “flu like”. Inhalation of CO can make you pass out and die. If you are sleeping or under the influence of medications or other substances, you can die from CO poisoning without knowing something is wrong.



How can you protect your family?

1. Install a battery-operated or battery back-up CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall.
2. Have your heating system, water heater, and any other gas or oil burning appliances serviced by qualified technician every year.
3. Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors.
4. Never use a generator inside your home, basement or garage; and place no less than 20 feet from any window, door or vent.
5. Have camping equipment? Never use a portable gas camp stove indoors. This can cause the CO buildup inside.
6. Never use a gas range or oven for heating. This can also cause a buildup of CO inside the home.
7. Have your chimney checked or cleaned every year. Chimneys can be blocked by debris.
8. Ensure your gas appliances are vented properly.
9. When buying any gas equipment, buy only equipment carrying the seal of a national testing agency, such as Underwriters Laboratories.



REMEMBER THIS ABOUT CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING:

CAN NOT BE SEEN * CAN NOT BE SMELLED * CAN NOT BE HEARD

BUT IT CAN BE STOPPED!!!

Recommended Placement: Every floor of your home. The reason for this is that a dangerous buildup of CO gas will often be trapped within a single level of the house. While your main level might be quite safe, you may run down to the basement and encounter a dangerous dose of carbon monoxide because there was no detector to alert you. This could be a tragic mistake.

Near Bedrooms: Like smoke detectors, CO detectors should be placed near bedrooms to wake you during the night in case something is wrong. It is recommended they be placed within 15 feet of each bedroom door. If two bedroom doors are 30 feet apart or less, one may be placed in the middle.

Homes with attached Garages: If you have an enclosed garage directly attached to the home, place a detector within 10 feet of the internal door to the garage. If a motor vehicle is left running in the garage, then a dangerous level of CO could quickly build up inside your home. You should also place a detector in any room situated directly above the garage.

Getting the Height Right: Normally, we tend to follow the directions by the manufacturer of the product we purchase. Some guides might recommend placing the detectors on the ceiling. I did come across an article where the author made a good point and disagreed with placing detectors on the ceiling. Thus his reasoning: The specific gravity of CO is 0.9657 (with normal air being 1.0). This means that it will float up towards the ceiling because it is lighter than regular air. When a buildup of dangerous levels is taking place, this is nearly always due to a heat source that is not burning its fuel correctly. This heated air can form a layer near the ceiling which can prevent the CO from reaching the ceiling detector. His advice: on the wall at least a couple of feet below the height of the ceiling.

Places to Avoid: To ensure your detector only goes off when needed (no false positive readings) place detectors at least 15 feet away from burning appliances: gas powered kitchen stove/oven, heating furnace and fireplaces.

Legal Requirements: As of October 2015 there are 29 states in America that have legislation relating to Carbon Monoxide Detectors. And yes, Maryland is one of them.

**Join the
National Museum of Language
For a Presentation**

December 12, 2015 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

City Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park
2nd Floor Council Chambers

Light refreshments will be served.

**Translating Historic Documents Originally Written
in a Native American Language**

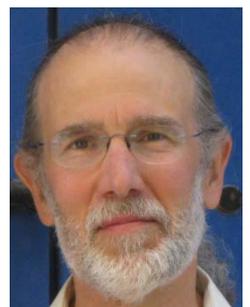
Abstract

The Dakota Prisoner of War Letters—Dakota Kaskapi Okicize Wowapi (Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2013) is a book-length, dual-language translation of fifty letters written in the endangered Dakota language by three dozen Dakota prisoners of war incarcerated at Fort McClellan, Davenport, Iowa, mostly on trumped-up charges of having killed non-combatants during the Dakota-US War of 1862, the first Great Plains Indian war.

This lecture will be about the translation process and the letters' historical context. Among the questions addressed: why were the letters translated not into the Standard English spoken by non-Native readers, but into the idiomatic Dakota English spoken on reservations in North and South Dakota by the letter writers' many surviving descendants, the primary audience for the book? Why did the traditional elders who translated the letters consider them not just secular historical documents, but sacred texts?

Author Bio

John Hunt Peacock, Ph.D. (enrolled Spirit Lake Dakota), Professor of Native American Studies, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, was translation editor and wrote the introduction and afterword for *The Dakota Prisoner of War Letters: Dakota Kasapi Okicize Wowapi*, translated Clifford Canku and Michael Simon (http://shop.mnhs.org/moreinfo.cfm?product_id=3210), which won a 2014 American Association for State and Local History "Leadership in History" Award.





Prince George's County Public Schools

Community Discussions on School Boundaries, Modernization, & Consolidation

Prince George's County Public Schools invites students, families, and community members to attend one of three scheduled Community Discussions organized by the Offices of Capital Programs and Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries. The community discussions will provide an opportunity to share feedback on changes to school boundaries, consolidation, modernization, construction, and more.

All discussions will have the same presentation, but will highlight schools in the local community and areas of interest during breakout sessions. Childcare and interpreting services will be provided.

Meeting Dates

December 14, 2015 • 6:30 p.m.

Accokeek Academy
14400 Berry Road
Accokeek, MD 20607

December 15, 2015 • 6:30 p.m.

Northwestern High School
7000 Adelphi Road
Hyattsville, MD 20782

December 16, 2015 • 6:30 p.m.

Andrew Jackson Academy
3500 Regency Parkway
Forestville, MD 20747



Schools To Be Discussed Include:*

Accokeek Academy, Buck Lodge MS, Calverton ES, Forestville HS, Fort Washington Forest ES, G. James Gholson MS, Martin L. King Jr. MS, Potomac Landing ES, Princeton ES, Skyline ES, Suitland ES, Suitland HS, William Beanes ES

Discussion on Reassigning 6th Grade to Middle School:*

Ardmore ES, Cora L. Rice ES, Flintstone ES, Francis Scott Key ES, Glassmanor ES, Highland Park ES, Kingsford ES, Longfields ES, Oxon Hill ES, Rose Valley ES, Valley View ES, William Beanes ES

**Discussions include these schools, but will also be open to discussion about other schools.*

Preregistration is strongly encouraged and is necessary if you need childcare or interpreting services.

For more information and to register, visit www1.pgcps.org/discussions/.

Comments on discussion topics can also be emailed to pasb.boundaries@pgcps.org.